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For : REMOTE CONTROL SYSTEM, CONTROLLED DEVICE, AND
REMOTE CONTROL METHOD

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/004302, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report was enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on September 26, 2005. The Examiner is requested to review these materials to determine the relevance indicated during the international examination with respect to the documents

cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2001-145140, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2002-199316, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-180291, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2003-9050, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Further, Applicants call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0217167;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/530,478 to HIROSE et al., which was filed on April 6, 2005;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/530,479 to HIROSE et al., which was filed on April 6, 2005;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/550,614 to HIROSE et al., which was filed on September 26, 2005.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent application publication is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

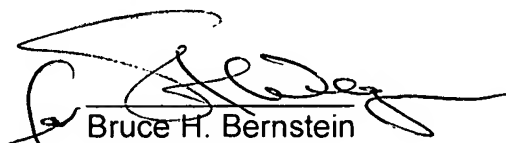
Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii) if the U.S. patent applications were filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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